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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Please consider the Information Disclosure Statement, filed on October 5, 2004, which the Examiner has not initialed. A courtesy copy of the filed IDS and PTO 1449 (5 sheets) is enclosed herewith. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or

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